No. 002

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chile, and has the honor to refer to the Basic Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile relating to Scientific and Technological Cooperation, with annexes, originally signed on May 14, 1992 and extended in 1999.

The Government of the United States of America proposes that the Agreement be extended for a one-year period to allow time for the thorough process of examination and negotiation of potential amendments to the 1999 Agreement.

Should this proposal be acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Chile, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes that this note and the Ministry's favorable note in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply and shall be effective from June 22, 2004.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to extend to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Chile renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Santiago, January 4, 2005

## REPUBLIC OF CHILE Ministry of Foreign Relations

No. 01504

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The Ministry of Foreign Relations —Directorate of Special Policy- presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America, and has the honor to respond to its Note No. 002 of January 4, 2005, proposing the extension of the Basic Agreement existent between both Governments, relating to Scientific and Technological Cooperation, originally signed in 1992 and extended in 1999.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations –Directorate of Special Policy- expresses its acceptance to extend the mentioned Agreement for a period of one year, thus allowing time for the process of examination and negotiation of potential amendments to the 1999 Agreement. It likewise states its approval for the exchange of the Notes themselves to constitute an Agreement which would be effective retroactively starting from June 22, 2004.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations —Directorate of Special Policy- avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest and most distinguished consideration.

SANTIAGO, January 28, 2005.

TO THE HONORABLE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SANTIAGO